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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL ARREST REPORTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-10a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Department of Education shall develop and implement a
4 state-wide public school information system. The system shall be
5 designed for the purpose of establishing a standardized electronic data
6 collection and reporting protocol that will facilitate compliance with
7 state and federal reporting requirements, improve school-to-school
8 and district-to-district information exchanges, and maintain the
9 confidentiality of individual student and staff data. The initial design
10 shall focus on student information, provided the system shall be
11 created to allow for future compatibility with financial, facility and
12 staff data. The system shall provide for the tracking of the performance
13 of individual students on each of the state-wide mastery examinations
14 under section 10-14n in order to allow the department to compare the
15 progress of the same cohort of students who take each examination
16 and to better analyze school performance. The system shall provide for

17 the tracking of school-based arrests, which shall include the number of
18 arrests made annually at each school and in each school district; the
19 race, gender, age and disability status of arrested students and the
20 offenses for which the arrests were made. For purposes of this section,
21 "school-based arrest" means an arrest of a student on school property
22 during the school day, or an arrest of a student at a school-sponsored
23 activity conducted on or off school property.

24 (b) The system database of student information shall not be
25 considered a public record for the purposes of section 1-210, except
26 that members of the public may request and obtain aggregate data for
27 schools and school districts provided such data is disclosed in
28 accordance with the provisions of section 1-210.

29 (c) The department shall initiate a pilot system project not later than
30 the 2002-2003 school year with full implementation in the school year
31 following successful implementation of the pilot. All school districts
32 shall participate in the system, provided the department provides for
33 technical assistance and training of school staff in the use of the
34 system.

35 (d) Local and regional boards of education and preschool programs
36 which receive state or federal funding shall participate, in a manner
37 prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, in the state-wide public
38 school information system described in subsection (a) of this section.
39 Participation for purposes of this subsection shall include, but not be
40 limited to, reporting on (1) student experiences in preschool by
41 program type and by numbers of months in each such program, and
42 (2) the readiness of students entering kindergarten and student
43 progress in kindergarten. Such reporting shall be done by October 1,
44 2007, and annually thereafter.

45 (e) Based on information the Department of Education receives from
46 local and regional boards of education, pursuant to federal law, the
47 department shall provide annual reporting regarding disciplinary
48 offenses committed, and punishments imposed for such offenses, for

49 each public school district and the state as a whole. Such reporting
50 shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding in-school
51 suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, expulsions and school-based
52 arrests. Such information shall be made available on the department's
53 web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10-10a
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Statement of Purpose:

To collect and track data regarding school-based arrests.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]